

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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U.S. Application No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
(National Phase of: PCT/JP00/00848))
) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
For: COMPRESSION CODING METHOD,)
RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING)
COMPRESSION CODING)
PROGRAM, AND CAMERA DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A compression coding method comprising the steps of:

[a] trial [step of] compressing-coding [the] image data using trial compression parameters

[for trial];

[a parameter estimation step of] estimating [the] compression parameters to compress

5 [said] the image data to a target code volume based on [said] image data compression result in

[said] the trial step; and